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CYBERSECURITY BILL

2 The White House praised U.S. senators for passing key portions of cybersecurity legislation aimed at protecting the nation from computer hacks and urged them reach a final measure with counterparts in the House of Representatives. White House spokesman Eric Schultz told reporters President Barack Obama is encouraged by the Senate action."We're hopeful that the Senate and House can work together expeditiously to send the best possible bill to the president's desk as soon as possible," he said. REUTERS

CARVING AN INTRUDER

3 A Dallas-area man carving jack-o-lanterns for Halloween with his 7-year-old daughter stabbed a fleeing carjacking suspect with a knife after he broke into their home and then held down the intruder until police arrived, authorities said on Wednesday.
REUTERS

PROTESTERS TAKE AIM AT ISRAELI DEFENSE WALL

7 A Palestinian demonstrator uses a hammer to try to destroy a part of the Israeli controvertial defense wall separating the West Bank city of Abu Dis from east Jerusalem during clashes with Israeli security forces on Wednesday.

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REPUBLICANS PICK RYAN

4 Paul Ryan was chosen by fellow Republicans as their nominee to be the next speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, with the party uniting around the former vice presidential candidate ahead of a tough vote on a budget deal. The nomination puts Ryan on track to replace Speaker John Boehner, who is retiring. REUTERS

CHICAGO CITY BUDGET

5 Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel's $7.8 billion fiscal 2016 budget and a historic property tax increase to pay for public safety worker pensions easily cleared the city council on Wednesday. Emanuel last month proposed a $543 million property tax hike phased in over four years, as well as fee increases and spending cuts in an attempt to fix a financial crisis linked to the city's $20 billion unfunded pension liability.
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YELP REVENUE RISES

6 Yelp reported a bigger-than-expected 40 percent jump in quarterly revenue as more local businesses advertised on Yelp.com, its consumer review website. Shares of the company, whose website and app allow users to rate restaurants and a variety of other businesses, rose about 7 percent Wednesday. REUTERS

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South Philly teen convicted of shooting dog with air rifle

A teenager who left his neighbor's dog with a pellet lodged in his neck after shooting it with an air rifle in August was convicted of animal cruelty, the PSPCA announced.

The boy, 16, who was charged as a juvenile, was found guilty last week.

The dog's owner contacted the PSPCA's Humane Law Enforcement team over the incident.

The dog was treated at a PSPCA shelter for injuries to its neck and has since "fully recovered" and is back at home with its owner, the PSPCA said.

The teenager, who was not identified because of his age, was sentenced to 25 hours of community service, nine months of probation and was ordered to obey a curfew and a stay-away order from the neighbor.

A hearing over whether the juvenile will be required to pay restitution for the dog's medical bills is pending.

"The Pennsylvania SPCA actively continues our mission to protect animals from cruelty, prosecute the offenders and rehabilitate the animals," said Jerry Buckley, CEO of the PSPCA, in a statement.

"Cruelty against animals is unacceptable, and it is our hope that the results of this case will deter future offenders, including those young enough to be charged as juveniles," he said. "Through our Humane Education program, we work to inform young people about the repercussions of their actions, as evidenced in this case."

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Questlove performs with The Roots, who got their star on the Philly Music Alliance's Walk of Fame on Monday GETTY IMAGES

Philly's square roots equation

Is Philly's tourism bureau slighting the music scene?

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On Monday, the Philadelphia Music Alliance held its Walk of Fame unveilings on Broad Street in the afternoon and its star-studded nighttime gala at the Fillmore in the evening, its first big dress-up party in 20-plus years.

Hometown inductees The Roots, The Trammps, Ray Benson of Asleep at the Wheel, original "Annie" star Andrea McArdle and WOGL's Harvey Holiday picked up their plaques, while star presenters included Jimmy Fallon and Jerry Blavat at the sold-out party. "This is a good night," said PMA Chairman Alan Rubens. "We're proud of the new stars on Philly's Walk of Fame," he said, thinking of supernovas, literal and figurative.

Now, that the dust (or glitter) has settled, one question remains: With Philly being a longtime mecca of music of every stripe, what does the Walk of Fame mean to its visitors, and how does the Philadelphia Music Alliance interact with Visit Philly, the city's tourism marketing agency?

Rubens was chill when asked about getting love from Philly's tourism chiefs. "It has not been as forthcoming in the past as we would have liked, a shame because we're responsible for the Walk of Fame and setting everything up with the Avenue of the Arts," he said. "We need to make our own statement first though."

In regard to Visit Philly's marketing outlook, president Meryl Levitz emailed to say, "Philadelphia Music Alliance and The Walk of Fame have always been part of Philadelphia's rich music legacy and a topic of interest to our visitors and locals."

Both Rubens and PMA Vice Chairman, Mia Tinari, reminded us that the PMA hasn't exactly been dynamically active until the last 12 months. "We've been low key up until this last year," says Rubens.

"The PMA fell dormant for a few years; but, with new leadership and a new board, we've created a greater platform to honor our music legends," says Tinari, who joined up with Rubens in 2014.

"Many people overlooked the Walk of Fame previously, but now, with Monday night's Gala, and earning recognition and appreciation for the work the Philadelphia Music Alliance is doing, Philadelphia's musical legacy will continue to be in the limelight," Tinari said.

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Penn State student fears deportation after

The student, a Syrian national, fears being returned to his war-torn native country.

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A Syrian student attending school at Penn State who fears his suspension for sexual misconduct could lead to his deportation to his war torn homeland can stay in school pending a Nov. 23 hearing, a judge ruled on Wednesday.

"My kid's back in school," said his lawyer, Andrew Shubin.

In a case that sits at the intersection of Middle Eastern conflict and the debate in the United States over what to do about sexual assault on campus, the student, identified only as John Doe in federal court documents, claims his civil rights were violated.

The fourth-year architectural engineering student, along with two friends, received oral sex from a female in the basement of a University Park fraternity house.

After the incident, the girl said she was too drunk to have consented.

The fraternity brothers said in court documents that the sexual assault claim was retaliation for not being admitted to a formal, a kind of social event.

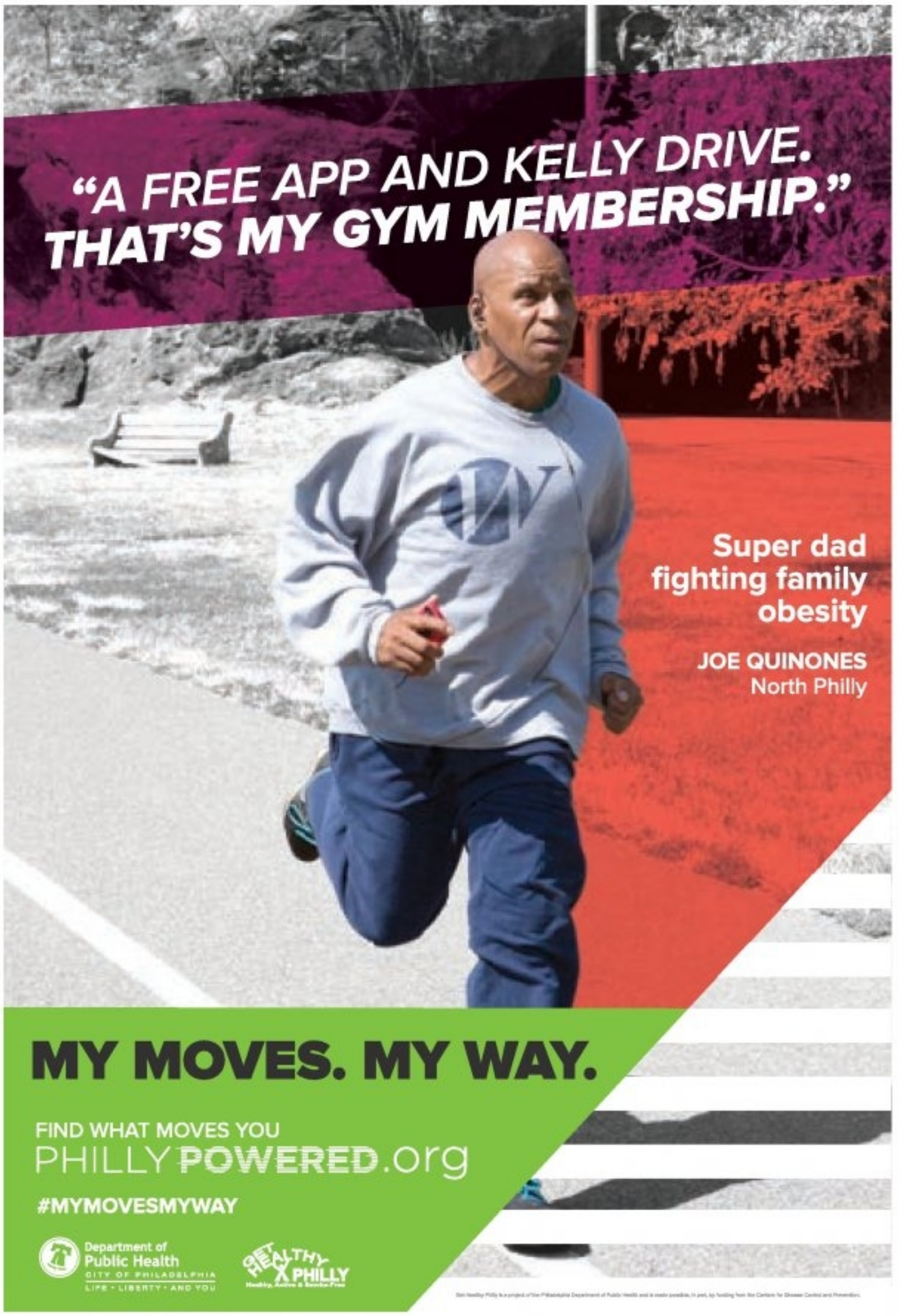
The Syrian student was suspended from the university for two semesters after a university disciplinary process.

According to the complaint filed in federal court in Harrisburg this week, Penn State relies on independent fact finders to gather evidence and make recommendations for punishment during sexual assault investigations.

These investigations are not criminal inquiries.

Rather, they deal with violations of student code of conduct.

The incident was referred to local police by



Mild touch of typhoon

Pedestrians braved the rain in Center City Philadelphia on Wednesday. Events and farmer's market around the city were canceled as the steady daylong rainfall ebbed and intensified over the course of the day.

CHARLES MOSTOLLER

sexual assault allegation

the girl's sister, but it was not prosecuted.

The student code of conduct process, however, does not give people accused of sexual assault the opportunity to cross-examine witnesses against them, lawyers for the Syrian student allege.

Penn State adopted the new model in 2015 after a growing chorus of student activists across the nation highlighted what they saw as an epidemic of sexual assaults on college campuses.

The new process was recommended by a Penn State task force to replace a system that led to victims telling potentially embarrassing and personal details of sexual assaults to panels of strangers.

The stakes are high for the student.

Though his father is a permanent United States resident, and he qualifies for United States residency based on that status, he hasn't received a United States visa for permanent residency yet.

He is also a resident of Kuwait, but to maintain that status he must be a student.

If the university suspends him, he could be deported.

And if he is not welcomed into Kuwait, he could be sent back to Syria, where two family members have died in a bloody civil war.

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Agent admits tipping media to Fattah raid

Chaka Fattah Jr. SAM NEWHOUSE

It's been one of his contentions for more than a year and the subject of a federal lawsuit — Chaka Fattah Jr.'s claims that the FBI and IRS ruined his reputation in February 2012 by tipping off media to an early morning raid of his apartment at the Ritz Carlton.

On Wednesday morning, federal prosecutors who are trying Fattah on fraud charges called a surprise witness: FBI agent RJ Haag, who acknowledged that he had tipped off the press to the raid.

While questioning Haag, prosecutor Paul Gray asked if Haag came forward with this information "so I would not misspeak or mischaracterize the government's position."

Haag said yes.

"So I was not aware of any of this until today?" Gray asked. Haag said yes.

"I don't believe it," Fattah said outside court of Gray's assertion that he was unaware of Haag's conduct. "He didn't want government lawyers ... to misrepresent anything? ... That is the most ridiculous thing I have ever heard."

Prosecutors argue that Fattah set up multiple phony businesses to acquire huge loans from various banks, which he allegedly spent on his own lifestyle, and conspired to overbill the School District of Philadelphia as a consultant to Delaware Valley Charter High School.

Fattah, who is scheduled to begin presenting his defense Thursday, said he will call witnesses including former Gov. Ed Rendell, who will testify that his businesses were real.

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Uber is delivering kittens for Cat Day

WENDY JOAN BIDDLECOMBE

Uber will be chauffeuring around more than humans Thursday.

For the third year the ride-share service is offering UberKITTENS in honor of National Cat Day.

From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in 50 cities across the U.S., including New York City and Philadelphia, cat lovers can pay a $30 "snuggle fee" for 15 minutes of kitten time.

Just like a ride, a cat can be requested via the Uber app, using the "kittens" option. Uber recommends having an enclosed space for playtime, and will come to an office, but it should be cleared with your boss in case someone is allergic.

UberKITTENS is more than just a cute excuse to take a break from the workday Thursday. In most of the cities, the cats are eligible for adoption, and 30 kittens have found homes through UberKITTENS in past years.

Demand for the kittens is expected to be high Thursday, but Uber, which has teamed up with Operation Kindness, has a list on its blog of participating shelters to visit the adoptable kittens in person. CRISTABELLE TUMOLA

BRIEFS

Bail lowered for suspect in hit-and-run death of officer

Bail was lowered for a suspect in the hit-and-run death of an off-duty police officer who was riding his motorcycle in Northeast Philly.

Louis John Vogwill, 59, has been held on $500,000 bail since the August crash that killed Officer Lamar Poole at Roosevelt Boulevard and Devereaux Street. Bail has been reduced to $200,000.

Vogwill's attorney argued that as a pizza deliveryman, Vogwell doesn't have the means to flee.

Pescatore said after the collision, Vogwill got out of his car, checked on Poole and drove off, only to be chased by people at the scene.

Vogwill was charged with vehicular homicide, manslaughter and driving under the influence. Vogwill told police at the scene that he had smoked marijuana, prosecutors said.

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Cops seek Old City home invasion suspect

An Old City home invasion suspect allegedly loaded two stolen shotguns into the back of the victim's car, but had to leave them behind when he was unable to drive a stick shift.

The robbery happened on the 200 block of Delancey Street on Sunday just before 6 p.m., police said. The 84-year-old victim had been sitting in his car. When he returned, he saw a man hiding behind a curtain.

The suspect took $430 in cash and two shotguns that were hidden under a downstairs couch, police said, then put the guns in the victim's car. But when he found it was a manual, he left them behind and fled.

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A high-tech U.S. military blimp designed to detect a missile attack came loose on Wednesday and wreaked havoc as it floated from Maryland into Pennsylvania, dragging its 10,000-foot-long cable behind it and knocking out power to thousands.

The U.S. military scrambled two armed F-16 fighter jets to keep watch as the blimp traveled into civilian airspace after coming loose shortly after midday from its mooring station at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, a U.S. Army facility 40 miles northeast of Baltimore.

It came down several hours later in two parts in Montour County, Pennsylvania, the U.S. military's North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) told reporters.

The blimp RHAME EYER/COURTESY OF LEBANON DAILY NEWS

First, the tail portion of the blimp detached and came to the ground "with no reports of other damage or casualties," Navy Captain Scott Miller said.

"The remainder of the aerostat has also grounded itself in Montour County," Miller said.

It was not immediately clear how the blimp became detached from its mooring station at Aberdeen Proving Grounds.

PPL Electric Utilities Corp said that as of 3:45 p.m. there were about 17,800 customers without power in Columbia County, Pennsylvania, with another 9,000 out in Schuylkill County.

The office of Gov. Tom Wolf released a statement to let the public know the state was monitoring the situation and discussing it with federal officials, state police and emergency officials and the National Guard. REUTERS

Ex-House Speaker Hastert pleads guilty

Hastert was Republican who led the House of Representatives from 1999 to 2007.

Former Republican Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert arrives at the Dirksen Federal Courthouse on Wednesday in Chicago, Illinois.

Former U.S. House Speaker Dennis Hastert pleaded guilty on Wednesday to a federal financial crime in a hush-money case stemming from allegations of sexual misconduct, marking the dramatic downfall of a once powerful politician.

In exchange for the guilty plea, federal prosecutors recommended a sentence of zero to six months imprisonment, although the judge could sentence Hastert to up to five years in prison and fine him $250,000.

Hastert, 73, pleaded guilty to one count of "structuring" — withdrawing funds from bank accounts in amounts below $10,000 to evade bank reporting rules on large cash movements. Those rules exist to detect money laundering.

Hastert told U.S. District Judge Thomas Durkin that he knew that what he was doing was wrong. "I didn't want them to know how I intended to spend the money," he said, reading from a brief statement during a hearing in the federal courthouse in Chicago that lasted a little over 20 minutes.

In the agreement, Hastert admitted to paying $1.7 million in cash to someone he had known for decades to buy that person's silence and compensate for past misconduct toward that individual.

Prosecutors did not spell out what the misconduct was, but unnamed law enforcement officials have told media that it was sexual and involved someone Hastert knew when he was a high school teacher and coach in his hometown of Yorkville, Illinois in the 1960s and 1970s.

Hastert, flanked by two attorneys, stood before the judge and answered a series of questions to indicate that he understood what he was doing. He spoke loudly and clearly at the judge's request.

His lawyers will likely not call witnesses at his sentencing hearing, to avoid opening the door to potentially embarrassing information from his past, according to a defense attorney who has handled similar cases. REUTERS

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As Obama weighed patrol to counter China, Pentagon urged faster action

U.S.S. Lassen transits in formation with ROKS Sokcho during exercise east of the Korean Peninsula in March. U.S. NAVY

Washington's caution also caused disquiet among some military officials in Japan and the Philippines, both U.S. security allies.

The U.S. naval challenge to China's territorial assertiveness in the South China Sea this week came after months of frustration within the Pentagon at what some defense officials saw as unnecessary delays by the White House and State Department in approving the mission.

As early as mid-May, the Pentagon was considering sending military aircraft and ships to assert the principle of freedom of navigation around China's artificial islands in the Spratly archipelago after Defense Secretary Ash Carter requested options to respond to their rapid construction.

That patrol eventually took place Tuesday when the U.S.S. Lassen, a guided-missile destroyer, sailed within 12 nautical miles of Subi Reef, triggering an angry rebuke from China and threatening to ratchet up tensions between the world's two biggest economies.

An intense, prolonged internal U.S. debate over the patrol revealed by Reuters' reporting appears to contradict Washington's insistence that it was simply another routine freedom-of-navigation operation.

The months leading up to the patrol allowed Beijing to harden its stance and, according to some U.S. officials and security experts, blew the operation out of proportion.

The Pentagon and U.S. military officials had been ready for months to carry out patrols, but ran into "repeated stalling" from the White House and State Department, said one U.S. defense official, who requested anonymity.

Both wanted to avoid giving the appearance that any operation was in response to other events, the official said, such as the breach of 21 million U.S. personnel records that has been linked to hackers in China. China has denied involvement in the attack.

The State Department did not respond officially to queries on why the mission took so long. The White House declined to comment on the criticism.

Pressure for action was growing at a sensitive time in U.S.-China relations, as major powers moved closer to agreeing a nuclear deal with Iran and as Washington prepared for a state visit by Chinese President Xi Jinping in September.

By late September, a consensus had been reached to go ahead with the patrol, despite Xi's assertion in Washington that China had "no intention" to militarize the islands.

Obama, who has sought to avoid confrontations with U.S. rivals and reduce direct U.S. involvement in wars, had to carefully weigh the need to take action with the risks of sparking an unintentional armed conflict that could have severe diplomatic and economic consequences. REUTERS

"The concern was that if we looked like we were responding to something the Chinese had done, it would undermine our assertion that this is a matter of international law and our rights to navigate the seas."

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Reaction of refugees and migrants on the Greek island of Lesbos. GETTY IMAGES

Three migrants drown, Greek coast guard rescues 242 others as boat sinks

At least three migrants drowned and the Greek coast guard rescued 242 others when their wooden boat sank north of the island of Lesbos on Wednesday, authorities said.

"We do not have a picture of how many people may be missing yet," a coast guard spokeswoman said.

Three people — two small boys and a man — were found drowned, and an extensive search was underway in the area.

Lesbos, which lies less than 6.2 miles from the Turkish coast in the north Aegean Sea, has been a primary gateway for thousands of migrants entering the European Union's outermost border this year.

More than 500,000 refugees and migrants have entered Greece through its outlying islands this year, in what has become the biggest humanitarian crisis on the continent in decades.

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Spacewalkers prep station for space taxi parking spots

Two U.S. astronauts wrapped up nearly seven hours of electrical work and maintenance chores outside the International Space Station on Wednesday, part of a continuing upgrade to prepare the outpost for commercial space taxis.

Station commander Scott Kelly and flight engineer Kjell Lindgren left the station's airlock around 8:30 a.m. Eastern time, the first spacewalk for both astronauts.

NASA had hoped to have the station outfitted with two new berthing slips before the end of the year so that commercial space taxis under development by Boeing and privately owned Space Exploration Technologies, or SpaceX, would have places to park.

Scott Kelly moves along the space station's truss structure. NASA

But the first docking adapter was lost in a botched SpaceX Dragon cargo run in June.

"We haven't been able to do everything we hoped we would," Kenneth Todd, station operations integration manager, told reporters last week.

Still, NASA expects to have the docking ports ready before Boeing and SpaceX are ready to begin test flights of their crewed capsules in 2017, Todd added.

Picking up work from NASA's last spacewalks nearly eight months ago, Kelly and Lindgren set up electrical and data cables that will be needed for the new docking ports.

The first docking adapter now is expected to reach the station in early 2016.

NASA is working on getting a replacement for the equipment lost in June and hopes to have it aboard the station in April 2017, Todd said.

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Khloe Kardashian kind of mad at People magazine right now

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There's this interview with Khloe Kardashian in People where she basically says that even though she and Lamar Odom have called off their divorce, it doesn't mean they're actually back together. Except Kardashian herself takes issue with it since most of the interview happened before Odom's collapse. "My People cover, I shot and interviewed for prior to all the events that happened," she clarified on Twitter. "I had to do a follow-up five-minute phoner after the events only because I was contracted to. I canceled my book tour to avoid this attention." Huh. It's not like a Kardashian to avoid attention.

So what was it the magazine printed that she take such issue with? Probably this: "There are too many other important things, too many medical things. It's not even in our brains thinking about us as a couple or having a relationship right now."

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No really, Emma Stone and Andrew Garfield broke up

I guess Emma Stone and Andrew Garfield really are never, ever, ever getting back together. Hollywood's coolest couple, who have been "on a break" for most of the year, have apparently just up and officially broken up. Like, a couple of months ago. So how do we know this? Because Garfield, who is filming in Sydney, was spotted by a fan leaving a bar with a mystery woman on his arm — and who doesn't love a good mystery woman? When the fan shouted, "Where's Emma Stone?" Garfield apparently responded, "We're not together anymore," according to KIIS FM. Oh. Well, I suppose that settles that. I'll understand if you need a minute.

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Why wine snobs are faking it

Just because Adam Conover from "Adam Ruins Everything" has a big fancy TV show now, that doesn't mean he can't dabble in his YouTube roots, as he does with this CollegeHumor clip dispelling the idea that wine snobs know what they're talking about. "The truth is, everyone is pretending." I knew it! I just knew it. As a bonus, John Michael Higgins as a snooty wine connoisseur is pretty great. But Adam's hair is getting a might too tall, I think.

Blake Shelton thinks his divorce is hilarious

Good news, folks. Blake Shelton is totally fine with people making jokes about his divorce from Miranda Lambert. In fact, he's totally ready for them. "This year's going to be awkward at the CMA's, speaking of jokes," he tells Seth Meyers. "There's got to be one about me and Miranda. Brad Paisley is not doing his job if he doesn't look down there and go, 'Ha ha!' You have to address the elephant in the room. We've had conversations like, 'OK, dude, I'll sit there and let you kick me in the face a few times.' I know it's coming." If only that were literal, I might actually watch the CMA's.

'The Conjuring' conjures up a lawsuit

The family that lives in the Rhode Island farmhouse depicted in 2013's "The Conjuring" is now suing Warner Bros. because the attention the movie has brought them has made life less than awesome. "The biggest fear is that every day we live with the fact that we don't know what may happen," Norma Sutcliffe tells "CBS This Morning."

"We've had harassing phone calls in the middle of the night. They've had discussions about destroying the house because it's so full of evil. It's a violation of our privacy, but they think they have the right to do it." Sutcliffe and her husband are seeking damages and a state-of-the-art security system. Which, fine, but can we talk for a sec about how awesome "The Conjuring" was?

@BetteMidler
What's that you say? Fast and the Furious has six sequels and Hocus Pocus has zero?

@IamDonCheadle
Boom!!!

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I thought I was clearing my throat all day but it looks like a sore throat is coming my way. Damn!

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The women on the viagra commercials are getting younger and younger. And now they love football! What does this mean?

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Return of the living 'Dead'

Bruce Campbell and Sam Raimi are back in gory action with "Ash vs. Evil Dead."

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Bruce Campbell's Ash is back in "Ash vs. Evil Dead," which begins Saturday, Oct. 31, at 9 p.m. on Starz. STARZ

For years, Bruce Campbell and Sam Raimi shot down the idea of a fourth "Evil Dead." The low budget, supergory and increasingly silly horror series was how they made their name. "The Evil Dead," which came out in 1981, was made on the fly as a guerrilla no-budget affair. They've both moved on to bigger and sometimes better things: Campbell to shows like "The Adventures of Brisco County, Jr." and "Burn Notice," Raimi to the "Spider-Man" films and dramas like "A Simple Plan." But they eventually changed their minds. "Ash vs. Evil Dead," which catches back up with Campbell's one-handed demon-killer Ash, bows Halloween night on Starz, telling another tale of undead-fighting, this time over 10 episodes. Raimi, who directed the first episode, and Campbell sat down with us.

You two spent a long time shooting down the idea of returning to "Evil Dead," then recanted. What persuaded you two to return?

Campbell: It was the idea of doing the character after you've had 25 years of experience. That's a lot for me. I can fix Ash now. I can make him act better. Ash is a much better actor now.

You don't look back on your early "Evil Dead" performances fondly?

Campbell: I can watch about half of "The Evil Dead" and then on. I can't really watch the first half of "The Evil Dead." It's only after the misery's really set in that you can really see on my face that I wasn't acting anymore. Then it's fine. Then it worked. Whenever I had to pretend, it wasn't working.

So you can basically watch your acting evolution over the course of the movies you were in.

Campbell: No question about it. Part of doing this is I wanted to erase everyone's image of me. [Does a whiny voice] "Oh, you're so well-known as Ash — that's what you're known for." Right — I'm 21, I don't know how to act, that's what I'm known for. Great. Now it's like flooding the Internet with better images of yourself. That's what I do — I try to get rid of the old images that people have of you at early book signings when you never dressed up, you look like a schlub, your hair's standing straight up. I pass out really pretty images now. So I will flood the Internet with better performances of Ash, and they'll forget about the early stuff.

Raimi: Delusion.

Campbell: I gotta tell myself something. If George Lucas can do it as a filmmaker, I can do it as an actor.

It's interesting that it wound up as a show on a premium cable channel like Starz.

Campbell: Could you imagine this on cable? It would suck. The chain saw would start to go into the demon's neck, then you'd cut to a commercial. And you'd have to cut away for commercials, which messes with your dramatic structure. Nobody realizes why there are cliffhangers on a TV show. You have to have these cutaways for commercials, and you have to do it four times, otherwise the ad guys get pissed off. You have to write these bogus structural things because of ads. Now these guys are writing a 30-page piece. It's not 22 pages to allow for commercials. It's a solid 30 minutes with none of that bulls— for commercials. You can tell a straight narrative now.

Bruce Campbell and Sam Raimi GETTY IMAGES

Everyone's a critic

The films weren't originally well-received. The tide has completely turned. They're critical darlings now.

Campbell: "Army of Darkness" is on American Movie Classics now. It bombed.

Raimi: And Universal wouldn't release it for six months, then they recut it against my will. No one really liked it when it came out. So they really did age well. Plus, it works!

Campbell: I think we may get a little help from nostalgia. They may be seeing it through rose-colored glasses when they watch it. [Does a whiny voice] "This makes me feel like I'm in high school again!"

Raimi: That's him imitating you guys.

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Winona Ryder sets the record straight

The actress looks back on her early days.

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Winona Ryder plays Sasha, the supportive wife of controversial psychologist Stanley Milgram in "Experimenter," in theaters Friday. MAGNOLIA PICTURES

Winona Ryder has had her brushes with infamy and trouble, but that doesn't keep her from opening up. When we speak, she's gabby and funny, in part because she's really into her new film"Experimenter," a semiexperimental biopic about Stanley Milgram (played by Peter Sarsgaard), the psychologist who did famous/infamous tests on people's willingness to follow orders no matter how inhumane. Ryder plays Milgram's devoted wife, Sasha, though she's not just a typical movie spouse. It's a chance to work with Sarsgaard and director Michael Almereyda (of the playful Ethan Hawke "Hamlet"), both longtime friends.

And it's also nice to, as she puts it, "really mean the stuff you say in these [interviews]."

I know you had a fairly atypical childhood, growing up on a commune in California...

When I say I lived in a commune for four years, people think I was in a cult — and it was not a cult at all. It was seven families in the redwoods in Mendocino. But my parents were definitely on the intellectual side of the hippie movement. They were more sort of observers. They were activists and stuff, but it's interesting because in some sort of unconscious rebellion, I stayed away from a lot of those things. I don't do drugs. Drugs were not encouraged, but my parents did have the thing of, "Don't get them on the street. If you're really curious, please come to us." I think that's a good attitude to have. But I didn't want to.

That's odd, since acid king Timothy Leary was your godfather.

He was very protective. He never let anyone do anything around me. He would take me to baseball games and help me with my homework. He was the opposite of what you'd think Timothy Leary was, around me. But there were a lot of people around then. It's a shame because at the time I didn't know who any of them were. They were just grownups. I later found out one of them was John Lennon. I'm like, "What? Why didn't you tell me?" I wish I'd known.

You could have pestered him for Beatles stories.

Or, you know, not terrorized his son.

Growing up around that scene, I imagine you were exposed to the stories of and ideas around Stanley Milgram.

I remember the first time I found out about him. It was from the Peter Gabriel song "We Do What We're Told," from the "Us" album. I was driving with my dad, and I was like, "What does this mean?" and he told me. And I'm a big reader. I've read about the banality of evil and about Eichmann, because I lost family in the Holocaust.

What's interesting too is the way "Experimenter" is told.

I've known Michael Al-

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Getting it wrong

It was reported that ages ago you were tired of acting. What brought you back?

I don't really go on the Internet. But my parents do. They don't have Google Alerts or anything, but they showed me something in The Guardian. The headline was, "I have no interest." And I don't know where that came from. That was probably in response to some weird question. I will say I have a lot of other interests.

But I still feel very connected and passionate about work. Still, as you get older, it feels like it takes a lot of time. I don't want to spend a lot of time on something I don't like. Even if it's just doing these small movies. Look, this isn't a blockbuster. It's an art film at a time when there really aren't many. I don't know how "Experimenter" is going to do. But it was a joy to work on, and it was challenging, and you were always thinking and reading. I'm really proud to be a part of that. But it's all I've ever known, acting. I don't know if I could do anything else.

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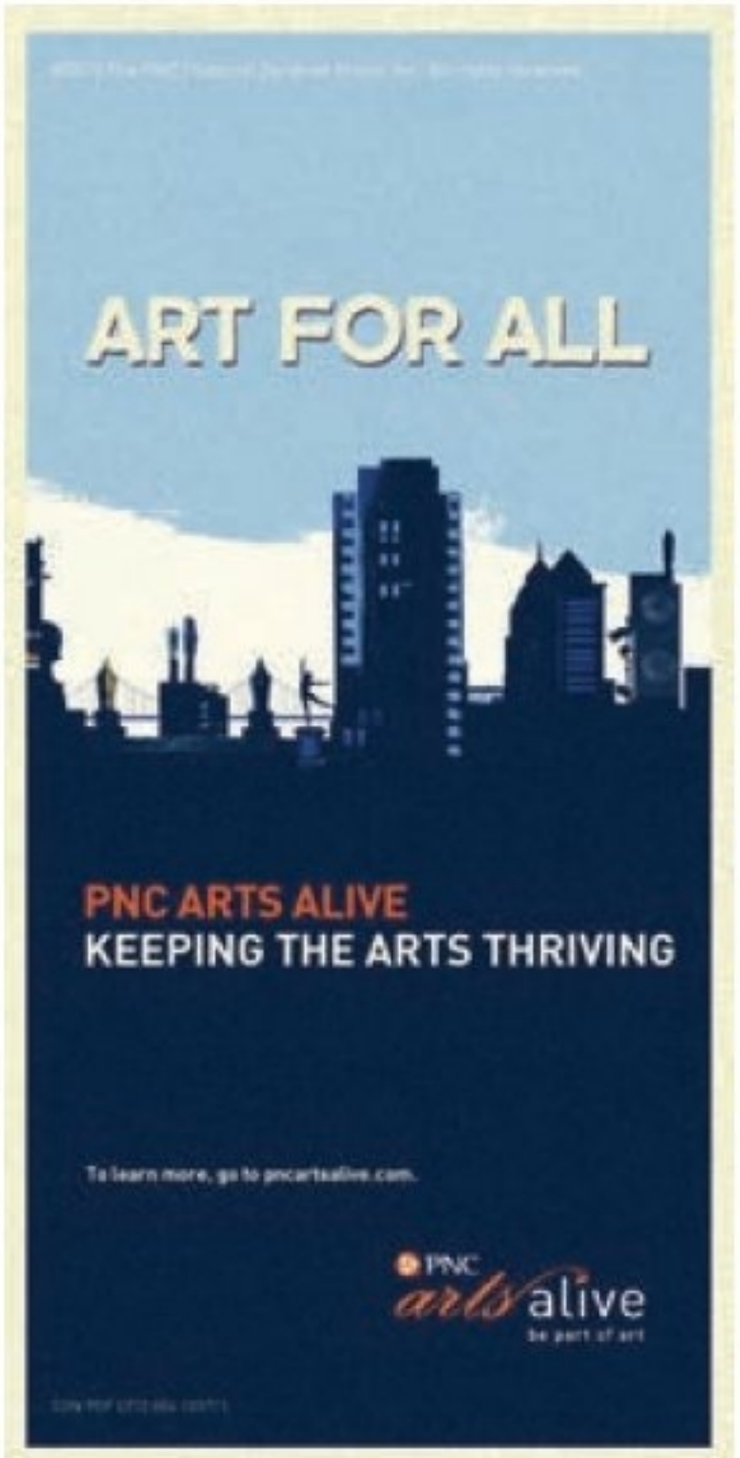

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PERFORMANCES

The 15th Season FPA Grand Slam
Winners of FPA's 15th Season of StorySlams go head-to-head for the title of "Best Storyteller in Philadelphia". Contestants try to win over celebrity judges with their most outrageous, gutsy, and heartfelt personal tales. Hosted by comedian **Margot Leitman**. *World Cafe Live; Thurs., Nov. 5; 8PM; $22. Special thanks to Harmelin Media.*

My Father's Daughter
Raw and uncut, Philadelphia-born poet, activist, and recording artist **Ursula Rucker** paints a courageously honest portrait of a family struggling to overcome the effects of domestic abuse and addiction, while learning to forgive. With live guitar accompaniment by **Tim Motzer**. *Plays & Players Theatre; Fri., Nov. 6; 8PM; $15. Special thanks to Leeway Foundation.*

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Post Traumatic Super Delightful

Can there be laughter in the healing process? The lives of survivors, perpetrators, and bystanders weave together in a wickedly funny and piercingly insightful one-woman show about a community trying to heal after a sexual assault. *Christ Church Neighborhood House; Fri., Nov. 13; 7PM; $15.*

Bad Kid | *Philadelphia Premiere*

Critically acclaimed performer **David Crabb** brings you the true story of a gay Goth boy who dreamed of being anywhere but the middle of Texas in 1991. *Christ Church Neighborhood House; Fri., Nov. 13; 9PM, $15.*

Out/Spoken | *Philadelphia Premiere*

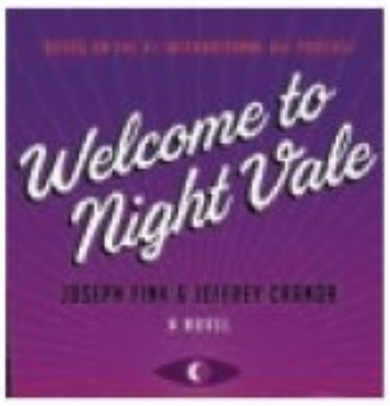
From finding love in the time of Grindr, to praying the gay away, to learning the truth about your lesbian grandmother, Out/Spoken is a night of true tales celebrating the diverse perspectives of the LGBTQ community and embracing the challenges and triumphs of being queer, questioning, and proud. *Christ Church Neighborhood House; Sun., Nov. 15; 7PM, $15. Presented by Story District.*

BEyond Expectations: Engaging Males of Color

Musician and performer **Bilal**, and hip-hop recording artist **Freeway**, joined by a diverse group of everyday males of color, share personal stories that shatter misconceptions, and give voice to the experience, strength, and resilient spirit of men and boys of color. *Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts; Sat., Nov. 14; 8PM, Special thanks to City of Philadelphia DBHIDS. Tickets start at just $10.*

AUTHOR EVENTS

Welcome to Night Vale



Don't miss the Philadelphia book tour premiere of *Welcome to Night Vale: the Novel*, based on the podcast, with writers and creators **Joseph Fink** and **Jeffrey Cranor**, podcast star **Cecil Baldwin**, and musical guest **Disparition**. *Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts; Wed., Nov. 11; 8PM, $22.*

Kid Athletes

True tales from the childhoods of famous athletes come to life in *Kid Athletes*. Illustrator and **Comedian Doogie Horner** takes you behind the scenes of the newly released book, sharing his own stories and whimsical full-color sketches from inside the illustrator's studio. **Super Bowl Champion Raheem Brock** shares his own personal story. *Christ Church Neighborhood House; Sat., Nov. 14; 5PM, $15, Children under 10 free. Children will not be admitted without a parent.*

Visit festival.firstpersonarts.org for the complete list of First Person Arts Festival events.

National Cat Day on its 10th anniversary

How to celebrate your feline friend.

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As if you needed another reason to snuggle with your favorite kitty. ISTOCK

You don't need to be a cat person to deny that the furry creatures have gone from mild household pets to viral phenomena in recent years.

The number of cat memes, emojis, celebrity cat photos and the success of Grumpy Cat have proven this point. But when social media was still in its infancy, on Oct. 29, 2005, an unofficial holiday was established to honor these domesticated animals — National Cat Day.

Last year, with the help of social media, the day was trending No. 1 worldwide on Twitter, but the day is about more than a hashtag. It's also about helping to save their lives.

"Ten years ago when I founded this day, I never imagined that National Cat Day would have grown to save as many cats as it has and that it would become a worldwide trending holiday every Oct. 29, said pet and family lifestyle expert and founder of National Cat Day, Colleen Paige, in a statement.

"It just goes to show how much people love cats, how valuable they are and how they've become just as popular as dogs, in that they give the same unconditional love. I thank my sponsors and all the cat lovers in the world for making this day as successful as it has become in promoting adoption and saving, what we estimate to be, over a million cats globally in the last 10 years."

Blue Naturally Fresh Cat Litter and Petco, which are sponsoring the day, are offering a 20 percent discount on all Blue Buffalo cat products on Thursday at all Petco stores across the country.

There are also two photo contests through Thursday which you can learn more about at nationalcatday.com.

For more fun National Cat Day stories visit **metro.us/cats**

Celebrate and give back

In addition to taking numerous pictures of your favorite feline, there are other ways you can celebrate the day, according to the official National Cat Day website:

Adopt a cat from your local shelter or cat rescue. Donate blankets, food and toys to animal welfare organizations. Volunteer at your local shelter and offer to play with some cats available for adoption, clean cages and litter boxes or anything else they need help with. Write your Congressman and ask that he/she support the ban of kitten mills and gas chambers in your state. There are little things you can do too: buy your cat a fun new toy, such as a condo, bed or treats. Give your cat a calming massage. Have a National Cat Day party and invite all your friends and their cats.

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One of the cute creatures that you can take home is Scoop. He is one of the friendliest cats at the shelter, but does need to be on a special diet for digestive issues, and his food will cost approximately $60 per month.

Another pet up for adoption at the shelter is Freya, who is not a cuddler, but not aggressive. Freya "is looking for a home that will let her be her own cat." She also has a chronic sinus condition that requires medication.

For more information on adopting pets from PSPCA, visit pspca.org.

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Albert Hammond Jr. on morality, sober living and 'Momentary Masters'

The Strokes guitarist talks about trading a hedonistic lifestyle for something a little more domestic.

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Albert Hammond Jr. says working on the new album meant pushing himself into uncomfortable territory. JASON MCDONALD

When Strokes guitarist Albert Hammond Jr. compares his first two solo albums to his latest release, "Momentary Masters" (which came out July 31), he says he can't even recognize the person who made the first two. "Luckily, I still like the songs, though," he jokes.

Hammond has undergone some major changes in the past few years. For one, he's sober now. He also got married and bought a house upstate. "I thought it would be more shocking, but it's not," he says of leaving New York City. "I thought I might miss it more, but I don't. I make food, I exercise, I practice and do some work. Then I just have time to myself, working on the land or the house. It's nice."

It's not the length of life, but the depth

"Momentary Masters" is dedicated to a woman named Sarah Jones, who passed away two weeks after Hammond became friends with her. "She wrote a Richard Pryor joke on Instagram and no one knew it was [about] Richard Pryor," he says. "I wrote one back. She's a friend of friends, so we just ran into each other and had an eight-hour conversation outside the park."

Hammond says they talked every day for the next two weeks and when he finished the album, he really wished he could play it for her. "Dedicating the album to her was my way of playing it for her," he says.

Pushing harder than ever

While "Momentary Masters" does explore big themes, such as morality and purpose, the lyrics are more metaphorical than literal. "'Born Slippery' is about looking at the clouds and picking up on the warmth that can be found, and also the idea that 'this too shall pass' and even if you're in a certain spot that doesn't mean it's going to last forever," Hammond says, explaining the album's first track. While he says all the recent changes in his life did influence the album, the themes are ideas he thinks anyone can relate to.

He says making the album was exhausting and therapeutic. "Sure, it can be draining sometimes, but it can also be tremendously invigorating when you're going just 100 miles per hour with ideas," he says. Hammond says he really pushed himself, and forced himself to try things that made him uncomfortable.

"Everything from playing harder to singing a little out of range, and also keeping the energy [throughout] the record," he says. "When you push yourself like that, at the end you can say, 'Come check this thing out. I think it's awesome and it deserves attention.'"

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Youth Lagoon embraces the dark side

The band's Trevor Powers reveals how he turns destructive thoughts and anxiety into music for the masses.

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Trevor Powers, aka Youth Lagoon, is a gold mine of helpful information. He knows how to cure the hiccups ("put a straw in your mouth sideways and drink a full glass of water"), can hold his own in a debate about GMOs and can hunt down an online Venetian shop that sells really cool gold masks. The last was used in Youth Lagoon's new "Highway Patrol Stun Gun" music video, in which Powers wanders around New York City with a man wearing the mask.

"It was $100, a little more than I wanted to pay for it, but it's so badass," he says, calling from his hometown of Boise, Idaho. "I freaked out when I found it."

While Powers says the music video is open to interpretation, to him the meaning is quite profound and was inspired by the death of his close friend. "When there's someone in your life that you're really close to, they become a part of you," he says. "It's like [that person] is a different aspect to your personality. You imagine what you would do without them, and then suddenly they're gone." To him, the man in the gold mask represents his friend, who is still a part of him. "Making the video was very cathartic and freeing," he says.

Trevor Powers of Youth Lagoon PROVIDED

New members, new sound

His current bandmates are all completely new to Youth Lagoon, but Powers has known them all for years, which he says makes playing live much easier because they are good at reading each other's cues. One is actually his brother-in-law, which Powers says makes for a "hilarious dynamic."

Confronting anxiety head on

Youth Lagoon's music has always veered on the dark side, and the new album, "Savage Hills Ballroom," is no different. But it feels more personal as Powers' voice is more pronounced this time around. Along with social issues such as police brutality, some of his songs talk about personal issues, like coping with anxiety.

"A couple years ago, it was very destructive for me, and I didn't know how to file those [types of] thoughts away. So I let them rule me," Powers says. "I've learned a healthy way now to cope with anxiety. I picture my brain with filing cabinets, and when I see that a thought is going to be destructive, I just file it away."

Looking forward

Still, Powers is never worried he'll run out of material to write about. "Those destructive thoughts will always exist and still take over my subconscious," he says. "Being someone who is influenced by the darker side of life rather than the lighter side, the darker side is always very, very present."

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The failure of 'Jem and the Holograms'

Geek Girl in Hollywood

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"Jem and the Holograms" failed pretty spectacularly this weekend at the box office. As a superfan of the animated series (seriously, I'm on the DVD extras talking about it), I'm hardly surprised. The film had so little to do with the source material that, whether or not it was a good film on its own, it got fans angry. It makes you wonder why anyone would attach a story to a franchise name and then completely ignore what made it popular to begin with.

Now listen, I'm not a purist. I read all the "Game of Thrones" and "Hunger Games" books and for the most part, the changes on screen have actually been good. The thing is, they keep enough of what made people fans in the first place.

In the original series, Jerrica is a business owner. She runs a home for girls. She's got a supercomputer named Synergy that casts holographic projections allowing her to be a secret rockstar. She's close to her bandmates (related to some of them) and they work as a team. Anyone see the film? Now she's a young girl, Synergy is sort of a rolling movie projector, she dumps her friends and it's really all about "kids these days" and that Interweb thing. They stripped away all of her power and all of the charm of the source material.

Editing, compressing, that sort of thing work, just fine in adaptations. The "Harry Potter" books were long and there was no way to get everything in. However, they didn't turn Harry into a super sassy guy on a soccer team who found out he had magic, Ron into the school bully and Hermione into a clothes horse. Say what you want about the "Transformers" movies (and I rarely say anything good other than, "Look! Shiny robots!"), at least they resemble the original.

As a fan, and as someone who writes about this stuff for a living, I can tell you the film had massive amounts of good will and excitement from fans when it was announced. If it hadn't ignored what was wonderful about the cartoon, I would have seen it multiple times. When you eliminate the essence of what everyone loved about a property, you're dooming yourself to failure. You had a built-in fan base and you lost it, because you thought you knew better. If something is popular with thousands upon thousands of people, you may want to look at why that is before you destroy it.

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Gemini Financial matters are highlighted. A change in location will be the key to potential gains. Check out real estate and property deals.

Cancer The more you do to help others, the better you will feel about yourself. The time and dedication you invest in a worthy cause will be rewarded.

Leo Update your resume, set up an interview or ask for a raise or promotion. Valuable opportunities are apparent. Deal with health issues.

Virgo An interesting offer will be awarded to you. Don't dwell on personal setbacks. A self-improvement regimen will give you more energy.

Libra A poor financial decision is likely if you act in haste. Refer to professionals regarding investments, inheritances or savings plans.

Scorpio Boredom will set in if you don't find something that piques your interest. Get involved in an organization and make a difference.

Sagittarius You will be disappointed if you are too trusting. Make sure the people you share your secrets with have your best interests at heart.

Capricorn Follow your own path. The strategies that worked for someone else will not be right for you. Pick up some pointers from experienced individuals.

Aquarius You have much to lose if you end up in an emotional tug-of-war with a family member. Admit that you don't have all the answers.

Pisces You are more talented than you think. The possibility of turning one of your skills into a moneymaking venture should be investigated. **EUGENIA LAST**

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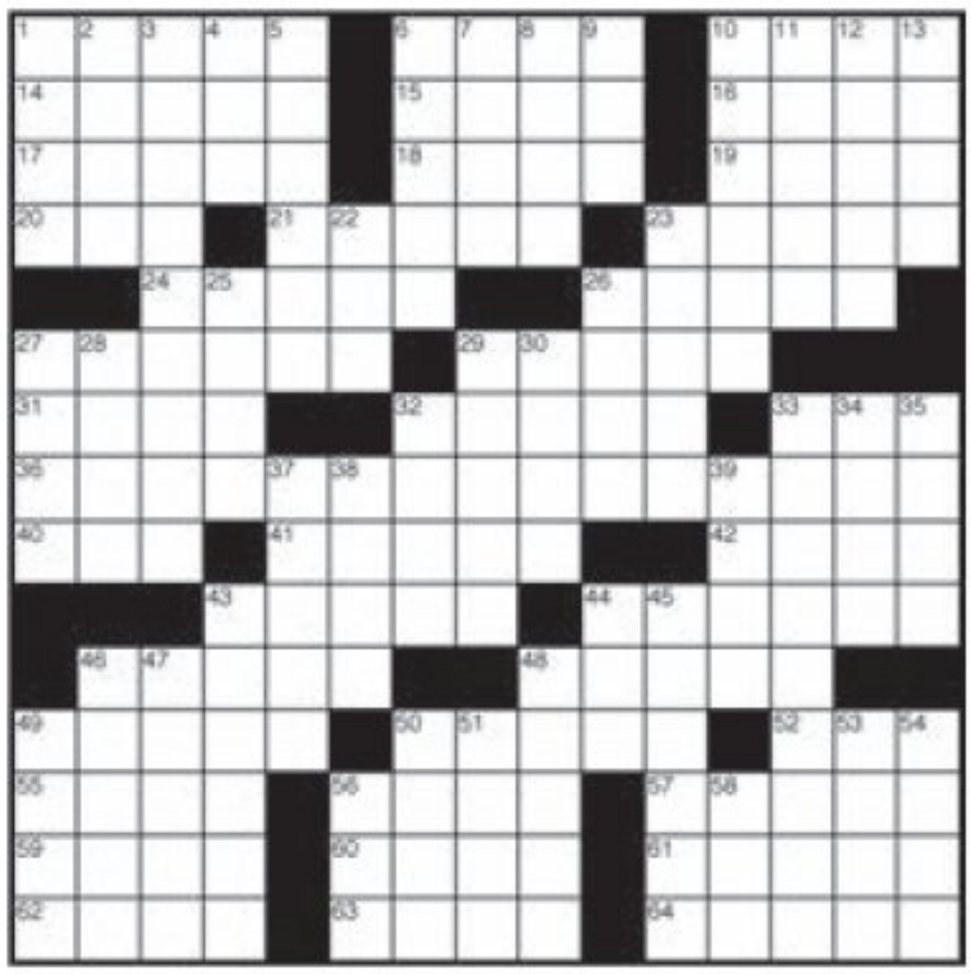

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16 Mishmash
17 Silent screen slinker
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19 Racquetball target
20 Likewise
21 Evaporates
23 Eye color
24 Chipmunk pouch
26 More logical
27 Regards with aversion
29 Ski lifts (hyph.)
31 Ad award
32 Finishes a letter
33 Poker stake
36 Go on the lam (4 wds.)
40 "Westworld" name
41 Low voices
42 Dry toast
43 Gather after harvest
44 Deep-space missions
46 Quartet member
48 Backup strategy (2 wds.)
49 Mr. Karloff
50 Comes unraveled
52 Smog monitor
55 Lost traction
56 Body armor
57 Funny Ms. Burnett
59 Spice or ancient weapon
60 Police squad
61 Booster rocket
62 1917 abdicator
63 Answered a judge
64 Prospectors' dreams

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1 Soft "Hey, you!"
2 Pittsburgh river
3 Narrow
4 — out a living
5 Fax user
6 Cube inventor
7 Perry's penner
8 Hubbubs
9 Clumsy person
10 Amana folk
11 Thin icing
12 Fuel tanker
13 Diner freebie
22 Lawyer's thing
23 Grating
25 Brit's bonnet
26 Closeout
27 "— -Breaky Heart"
28 Roquefort hue
29 Wyoming range
30 Derisive snorts
32 Mlle. in Barcelona
33 Spoke tearfully
34 Threat ender
35 Impatient chucks
37 Collapses
38 Mock butter
39 Rust component
43 Engineless plane
44 Layer
45 Rogue
46 Rum mixers
47 Ms. Jong
48 Became ashen
49 Cellar, briefly
50 Miss the boat
51 Paddy crop
53 Corn concoction
54 Woe is me!
56 Athlete's accolade
58 Historian's word

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A Nightmare on Eleventh Street

Friday
Yakitori Boy, 211 N. 11th St.
No cover
Wear your creepiest costume for this party at Japanese tapas restaurant/karaoke lounge Yakitori Boy for a chance at the $100 prize. Sip Halloween-themed cocktails like "eyeball shooters" and $5 bottles of Captain Lawrence Pumpkin Ale while you belt out "Monster Mash." The party repeats on Halloween, but with a "Superheroes and Villains" theme.

Vampires and Vixens

Friday
Lucky Strike, 1336 Chestnut St.
From $10
Lucky Strike Lounge & Lanes has somehow avoided being a suburban-style bowling alley or a hipster hotspot. Instead, it draws a party crowd for events like the 10th annual Vampires and Vixens (come back Saturday for the ninth annual Heaven & Hell). Drinks specials, a DJ and a costume contest are all on the bill at this Mischief Night soiree.

The Boogey Man: A Halloween Dance Party

Saturday
Trestle Inn, 11th and Callowhill
$10; $20 for early open bar
Head to Trestle at 8 p.m. for a screening of 1980's "The Boogey Man" and then stay for music spun by "boogie men" Shearn and Del, plus go-go dancing courtesy of Rubie Tombstone and Ghouldie Dawn. To drink: pumpkin cocktails and the bar's Halloween take on a Citywide — the Boogeywide with Sly Fox Oktoberfest and a shot of Wild Turkey 81.

Old Western Ghost Town

Saturday
Twisted Tail, 509 S. Second St.
No cover
This Southern bourbon and blues spot is set in a building from the 1700s, so don't be surprised to see ghosts lurking about (OK, you can be a little surprised). You have to be 21 to head to the upstairs party, which will feature burlesque dancers, fortune-tellers and live music, while fire dancers put on a show outside. Come dressed up — prizes will be given out for scariest, sexiest and most original costumes.

Ghosts and Goblins

Saturday
Mad River, 4100 Main St., Manayunk
From $10
We're pretty sure no one at Mad River in Manayunk has ever hurt for an excuse to drink, so we expect this party to be pretty lively. Go for the $30 VIP ticket, which includes an open bar, accessed by a separate VIP line, from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., plus a food buffet. This is a costume party, with DJs in every room of the venue for your dancing pleasure.

Devil's Crawl

Saturday
Various locations
DevilsCrawl.com
$10
One wristband gets you into 22 bars, plus access to drink specials and free entry into the after-party at Coda until midnight. Most of the bars are in Center City, but Xfinity Live is part of the fun too. Several locations will be airing the Temple game, so you can show your school spirit, or at least your Philly pride, while you crawl.

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After catering rooftop pop-up Le Bok Fin, Fine Palate quietly went indoors for a new restaurant.

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Restaurateurs, chefs and their public relations people aren't known for their subtlety. Sure, it's hard to get ahead in this crowded market if you're not humble-bragging or constantly selling, but sometimes quiet, nose-to-the-grindstone work rises above the din.

Fine Palate falls into the second category. The haute cuisine Philly catering company just opened its first restaurant, at the Aria Building at 231 S. 15th Street, in a space that housed the abruptly closed Treemont. The showrunners of Fine Palate are quietly and slowly building credibility within the local dining community — but owner Courtney Dow and chef Vince Joseph aren't very talkative. They let the sculptured global fare of the restaurant and the catering company (which translates in French to "Le Bec Fin") do the heavy lifting.

"The focus of our restaurant is our guests," says Dow. "It's not about the owner or the chef. It's about our collective ensemble of talented passionate people — our cooks, our bartenders, our attendants — as well as our food and drinks."

Stopping into Fine Palate late at night and seeing the crew close out the evening was just as much like watching a family pulling tablecloths and candles off a Thanksgiving table as it was a newly bustling restaurant. Fine Palate's bosses and their additional chefs are used to the flow: Dow has been in the hospitality business for 10 years, Joseph for 15.

Listings

MUSIC

Marchfourth

Saturday, 7 p.m.
World Cafe Live
3025 Walnut St.
$15 to $25, 215-222-1400
www.worldcafelive.com

Get ready to dance the night away this Halloween with the renowned jazz-funk-gypsy-brass big band that travels the country bringing the party wherever they go. Described as a Vaudeville circus, among other things, Marchfourth churns out rip-roaring music in high-energy costumes, along with comical stage antics.

ANDREW WYATT

wins the race

Cauliflower florets

Small plates

The menu includes very sharable small plates: simple items such as matzo and chicken dumplings, smoked roasted eggplant, and swordfish skewers. Then there are larger dishes even better for sharing, such as the Creekstone Farm ribeye steak with charred garlic and potato puree.

Better still, the year-old company only recently finished their run at Le Bok Fin, the pop-up hot spot terrace atop the closed Edward W. Bok Technical High School in South Philadelphia. From Aug. 7 to Sept. 13, Fine Palate was the caterer for developer Scout's vision of the (literally) high life, with Dow and Vince serving casual French fare of croque monsieur, steak tartare, Nicoise salad and such. "Le Bok Fin was fun," notes Dow. "It provided a great medium and an expression of art."

The tall, narrow space of Fine Palate doesn't have the dreamy open-air ambience of Le Bok Fin, but its modern woody look is darkly romantic and subtly gilded and its mix of Japanese, Chinese and European cuisine is quietly adventurous.

Fine Palate is in Center City.

MUSIC

Anna Nalick with Christina Holmes

Saturday, 8 p.m.
Tin Angel
20 S. Second St.
$20 ($50 for VIP meet and greet)
215-928-0770
www.tinangel.com
You may know Anna Nalick from her famous single "Breathe" off her first record, "Wreck of the Day." This guitar-playing songwriter grew up on artists like Elvis Presley and Led Zeppelin, though primarily draws inspiration from poetry, literature and that old standby, human behavior. Folk, pop and memorable melodies make themselves known in her songs.

TJ Kong Halloween Murder Show

Saturday, 8 p.m.
Underground Arts
1200 Callowhill St.
$15, info@undergroundarts.org
www.undergroundarts.org
TJ Kong and the Atomic Bomb is back with their annual tradition of music, costumes and gore. Six bands will jam out on two stages, including Satellite Hearts, Pine Barons Mercury Radio Theater and more. It's the biggest underground Halloween costume bash in the city.

HAUNTED HOUSE

Terror Behind the Walls

Through Nov. 7
Eastern State Penitentiary
22nd Street and Fairmount Avenue.
$13 to $45, 215-236-3300
www.easternstate.org
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FOOD & DRINK

Whiskey and Fine Spirits Festival

Thursday, 6:30 p.m.
Lincoln Financial Field
1 Lincoln Financial Field Way
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www.phillymag.com
The annual Philadelphia magazine fancy boozefest is back. If you're a fan of whiskey, you'll have over 200 spirits to choose from, including scotch, bourbon, gin and much more. Local bartenders will go neck and neck to see who can make the best Manhattan. VIP tickets give you a tour of Lincoln Financial Field and a taste of ultrapremium spirits, including Pappy Van Winkle.

Boos and Booze Costume Party

Friday, 8 p.m.
Drury Beer Garden at Opa
1311 Sansom St.
Pay as you go, 215-545-0170
www.opaphiladelphia.com
Start off Mischief Night with a few brews at Drury Beer Garden, out back behind Greek restaurant Opa in Midtown Village. Costumes are encouraged. Enjoy boo-themed brews from Evil Genius Brewery, like Trick or Treat Pumpkin Porter and Evil Eye PA.

MOVIES

"Life of Brian"

Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Shoemaker Green
33rd Street and Smith Walk, in front of the Palestra
Free, 267-239-2941
www.filmadelphia.org
Not only is the Philadelphia Film Festival screening this Monty Python treasure, it's doing so outdoors. In this satiric film, a young Jewish man is born on the same day as —and right next door to Jesus Christ — and is mistaken for the Messiah.

THEATER

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THEATER

"Chopin Without Piano"

Through Oct. 31
FringeArts
140 N. Columbus Blvd.
$25, 215-413-1318
www.fringearts.com
Director Michał Zadara and actor Barbara Wysocka of Polish theater company CENTRALA replace the piano parts of Chopin's concertos with text drawn from the composer's letters, as well as music criticism.

"Dracula"

Through Nov. 22
Hedgerow Theatre
64 Rose Valley Rd., Media
$15 to $34, 610-565-4211
www.hedgerowtheatre.org
The Hedgerow Theatre presents its version of the classic vampire tale, in which Count Dracula imprisons Jonathan Harker in his castle in Transylvania and travels to England to stalk his fiancee. It ultimately comes down to a battle between human and vampire.

"From Beneath It Lurks"

Thursday to Sunday
URBN Annex of Drexel University
4301 Filbert St.
$5 to $15, 215-895-2451
www.drexel.edu
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BOOKS

Carrie Brownstein

Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Merriam Theater
250 S. Broad St.
$45-$80, 215-893-1999
www.kimmelcenter.org
Whether you know Carrie Brownstein as the lead singer of the riot grrrl band Sleater-Kinney or recognize her best as the star of the quirky TV show "Portlandia," you'll want to get your hands on her latest book, "Hunger Makes Me a Modern Girl: A Memoir." The Free Library brings her to town tonight.

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Rwanda: Wild adventures in a land of misty mountains

With mountain gorilla numbers climbing and big cats making a comeback, Rwanda's conservationists have plenty to celebrate. This African nation is becoming an ecotourism success story.

As anyone who's made the muddy, misty trek through Rwanda's Volcanoes National Park will tell you, your first encounter with mountain gorillas is an experience you'll never forget. Their similarity to humans is so uncanny, it's impossible not to smile. As you watch them stretch, yawn, hug their inquisitive youngsters and munch casually on sticks of wild celery, all feelings of exhaustion and anxiety ebb away in favor of fascination, kinship and awe.

This December, it will be 30 years since Californian primatologist Dian Fossey, of "Gorillas in the Mist" fame, paid for her dedication to these endangered creatures with her life. Remarkably, Rwanda's peaceful, shaggy-furred primates went on to survive the 1994 human genocide and its aftermath, but with their habitat squeezed by human population growth, their survival still hangs in the balance.

Nonetheless, experts are quietly optimistic. The number of gorillas in Rwanda remains below 500 but has climbed by over 25 percent since 2003. In September, the annual Kwita Izina naming ceremony for baby gorillas born in Volcanoes National Park honored a record 24 healthy new arrivals.

But is it safe to visit? Travel operators certainly believe so. Leaving the horrors of the 1990s firmly in the past, Rwanda has reinvented itself as a forward-looking, harmonious nation where tourists are warmly welcomed. English has become the common language, excellent roads swoop over the hills, and swank ecolodges are popping up, with Nyungwe Forest Lodge (**Newmarkhotels.com**) setting the bar high.

A couple of days in Rwanda makes an exciting add-on to an East African safari, and dynamic local operators such as Thousand Hills Expeditions (**Thousandhillsexpeditions.com**) can arrange longer made-to-order tours in quality vehicles, with guides who know their homeland inside out.

Nyungwe Forest is a stronghold for wild chimpanzees, and Akagera National Park is the site of an ambitious big cat re-introduction project.

To find out more about touring Rwanda, visit **Rwandatourism.com**.

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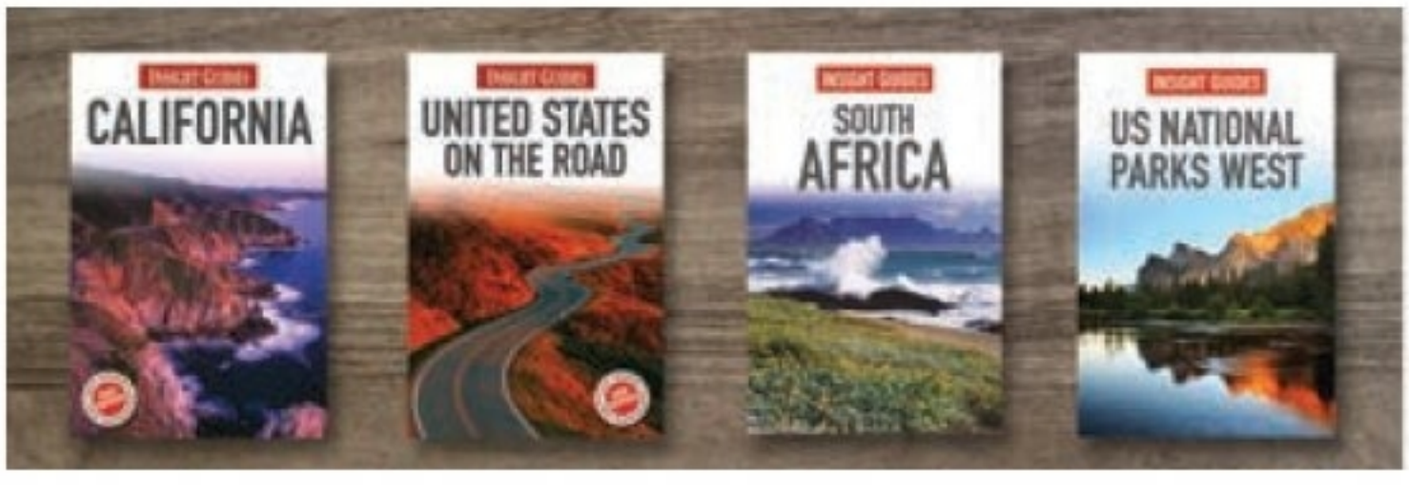
Don't miss

- **Volcanoes National Park:** Tracking mountain gorillas in the Virunga Mountains can be physically demanding, but the experience is unforgettable. Funds raised from permits ($750 per person) help support conservation and community projects.
- **Nyungwe Forest National Park:** Guides offer chimpanzee and monkey treks in this vast montane rainforest, rich in tree ferns, orchids and butterflies. There's also an exhilarating canopy walk to explore.
- **Akagera National Park:** This once-neglected area of woodland and savanna is a safari destination to watch. This year, lions were re-introduced, and black rhinos will be next. It's hoped the lions will produce cubs by 2016.



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Nov. 14
Art and Book Festival, Clinton County Historical Museum (Clintoncountyhistorical.org).

Nov. 14-15
Lake Champlain International Film Festival: This fest features a range of films in all genres, screened in a restored Art Deco movie palace.

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Lake Champlain sparkles in crisp autumn temperatures, bordered by forests dappled with late fall colors.

The trails through **Point Au Roches State Park** are easily accessible as well as family- and pet-friendly, with lots of views of the lake. Keep a lookout for Champ, Lake Champlain's answer to the Loch Ness Monster. The Nature Center offers programs year-round.

Nearby, **Ausable Chasm (Ausablechasm.com)** bills itself as the "Grand Canyon of the East." Walk along 5 miles of self-guided walking trails with great views of the deep ravine and rushing waters. Mountain bikers can enjoy 15 miles of scenic pedaling.

The most incredible outdoor experience is **Wild Walk (Wildcenter.org).** This unique adventure is a labyrinth of boardwalks, bridges and platforms lacing through the forest at treetop level, some 30 feet above the ground. Stretch out on a human-scale spider's web to contemplate the sky or appreciate the mountain vistas from a full-sized eagle's nest. This is definitely not to be missed.

Farm stands offer autumn harvests of late season vegetables, fruit, local honey and homemade treats. **Elf Farm Winery** and **Cider Mill (Elfsfarm.com)** hosts Friday night Wine Downs with live music, cider, beer and food.

Country Dream Farm (Countrydreamsfarm.com) operates as farms did in the 1800s, with horsepower and basic tools. The tour, by reservation, includes a wagon ride, corn-shelling and grinding, rope making, participatory blacksmithing, and feeding the horses, mules, chickens and pot-bellied pigs.

A lot of history happened here. **The War of 1812 Museum** explains the importance of the often overlooked Battle of Plattsburgh **(Battleofplattsburgh.org)**, as well as how the conflict affected residents of the region, and how Lake Champlain figured into the entire war.

The **Champlain Valley Transportation Museum and Kids' Center (CVTmuseum.wux.com)** houses a collection of automobiles from 1903 through the 1930s, plus muscle cars from the 1960s and 1970s. A lot of attention is paid to Lozier automobiles. In the early 1900s, Loziers were the most luxurious and exquisite on the road. The Kids' Station is a highly interactive science adventure center within the museum.

For more ideas on what to do near Lale Champlain, plus seasonal deals, go to **Visitadirondacks.com.**

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There's nothing like the early-season waiver wire in the NBA.

Patience serves owners well in the long slog that is baseball. In football, there is no stone unturned prior to fantasy drafts. But in hoops, new systems, improved players and changes in role aren't nearly as known. Don't hesitate to react quickly if we see good stuff out of emerging youngsters like this:

Lean on Leonard

The Blazers completely cleaned house this offseason. They lost LaMarcus Aldridge, Nicolas Batum, Robin Lopez, Arron Afflalo and Wes Matthews. Meanwhile, they added very little. It's going to be the Damian Lillard chuck and duck show, but big man Meyers Leonard is an underrated talent. He averaged 0.9 treys per game last year despite playing just 15.4 minutes a night and was at 6.7 rebounds per game in the preseason on just 24.7 minutes. Now Leonard is looking at something in the range of 28 to 31 minutes, giving him serious upside.

Stan the man

Rookies such as Karl-Anthony Towns, Jahlil Okafor and Emmanuel Mudiay are already on everyone's radar. But No. 8 overall pick Stanley Johnson of the Pistons has the sneaky upside. He's starting off in a bench role behind Marcus Morris, the underwhelming twin of Markieff. Johnson has the ability to overtake that starting gig before too long, as shown by his impressive pre-season. Morris' 18-10-4 opening night line is a temporary hurdle.

Boogie on Bojan

Deron Williams is gone, Joe Johnson is a shell of himself and the Nets have already used Bojan Bogdanovic in big spots. He played 34.3 minutes a night in the playoff series against the Hawks last year, making 1.8 treys per game. Bojan's main competition for minutes this year is Wayne Ellington, who has played for six teams in his seven-year career. There's always room for a specialist on our roster, especially in head-to-head formats.

NFL pickups

Grab these guys of the wire for Week 8:

Darren McFadden, RB, Cowboys — Joseph Randle (oblique) is hurt. But even if he wasn't, the Cowboys would want to make a change.

Chris Polk, RB, Texans — Alfred Blue may get the start with Arian Foster done, but Polk is more versatile and talented.

Ladarius Green, TE, Chargers — Antonio Gates is battling knee issues and a bond is growing between Green and Philip Rivers.

Meyers Leonard should see his numbers soar in 2015-16. GETTY IMAGES

NFL news

The Chiefs don't like Knile Davis anymore. That's become extremely obvious in the wake of Jamaal Charles' knee injury, as Davis has just six carries in the last two games. Meanwhile Charcandrick West has gotten a long leash. Although West struggled to 9-33-0 in his first game following Charles' injury, the impressive athlete rebounded for 22-110-1 against the Steelers on Sunday. Even more importantly, he functioned as the primary red-zone and passing-down back.

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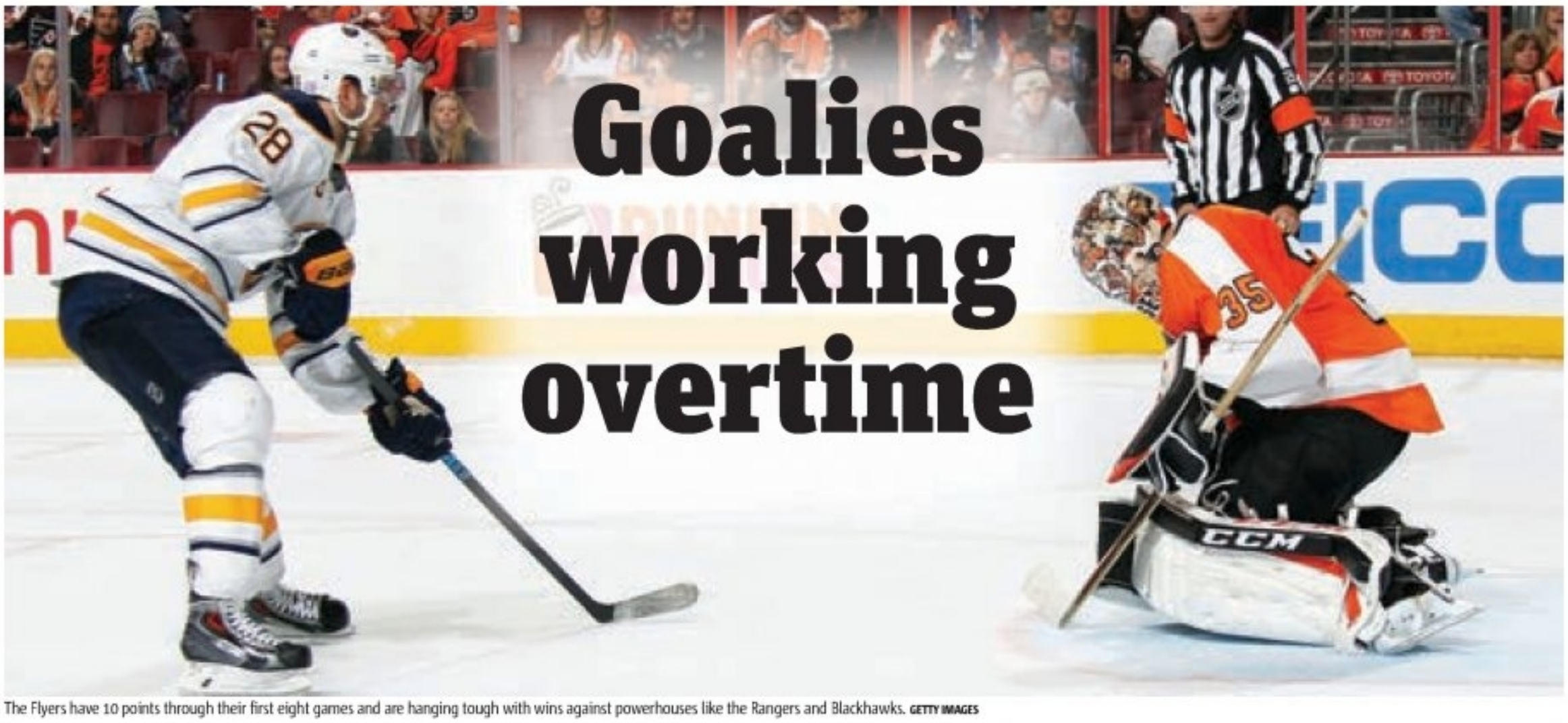

Goalies working overtime

The Flyers have 10 points through their first eight games and are hanging tough with wins against powerhouses like the Rangers and Blackhawks. GETTY IMAGES

Flyers' goalie Steve Mason says the new 3-on-3 NHL overtime format is chaotic and unfair for netminders.

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Steve Mason never hid his disdain for the shootout. The Flyers goalie often gets irritated watching his team put in a stellar 65 minutes of play only to win or lose — let's face it, mostly lose — during a glorified skills competition.

Well, Mason hasn't exactly given the new 3-on-3 overtime format implemented this season his blessing, either.

After allowing a breakaway goal in Tuesday's 4-3 overtime loss to the Sabres, the netminder wavered back and forth when asked if he prefers OT over the shootout.

"I don't know," Mason said after turning aside 36 shots. "[The new overtime] is not very goalie friendly."

With so much open ice, both teams are able to create multiple scoring opportunities and the action is literally end-to-end. For a prime example, take Tuesday's game.

The Flyers had a two-on-one with Sam Gagner and Scott Laughton skating over the blue line. Gagner, who carried the puck into the zone, made a dazzling move but his backhand was stopped by Sabres goalie Chad Johnson, who then followed it up with a brilliant pad stop on Laughton's rebound.

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THE FLYERS LEAD THE ENTIRE NHL IN SHOTS ON GOAL PER GAME WITH JUST OVER 35 PER CONTEST. INTERESTINGLY, THEY ALSO ALLOW THE MOST (33 SHOTS ON GOAL PER GAME) FROM OPPONENTS.

The Sabres countered with a rush and Zemgus Girgenson beat Mason for the game-winner.

"It's chaos out there," Mason said. "[Johnson] made a great save and then a couple seconds later they are back on a breakaway. … It's tough out there. It's chance after chance and it's Grade A chances. It's why so many games are ended in overtime. There's just so many quality chances that eventually a guy is going to score."

Teammate Jake Voracek understands Mason's frustration.

"I don't think any goalie is [a fan of overtime], to be honest," Voracek said. "It's a lot of scoring chances on both sides."

The goal of the new 3-on-3 overtime is to cut down on games being decided by a shootout. Through the first month of the season, it's been working league-wide, including for the Flyers.

They have had four of their first eight games head past regulation but only one has gone to a shootout, which the Flyers actually won over the Rangers on Saturday night. They are 1-2 in overtime but Mason has been saddled with both losses — and both ended on breakaways.

"The goaltender is put in a tough spot because he has all kinds of situations coming at him that normally you don't see on a consistent basis," Flyers coach Dave Hakstol said. "But in saying that everyone has a role to play and we all have to do that a little bit better."

While his starting goalie is not a fan of the new overtime, Hakstol favors it over the alternative.

"It's entertaining there no question," he said. "I still believe it's a better way to decide a game than the shootout."

Flyers wrap up homestand against Devils

Even after their overtime loss to Buffalo on Tuesday, the Flyers have 10 of a possible 16 points on the season (and nine of a possible 12 points in their last six games).

Keeping pace with the top of the Metro Division is exactly where Philly wants to be, but things are about to get a little harder.

After a Thursday night matchup at the Wells Fargo Center against division foes the Devils, the Flyers hit the road for five straight games starting Friday with a rematch against the Sabres.

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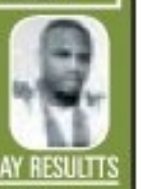

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